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SUBJECT: IRANIAN REACTIONS TO NEW MID-EAST WAR

SUMMARY: IRANIAN PRESS REPORTING MID-EAST EVENTS FROM
LARGELY PRO-ARAB POINT OF VIEW WHICH IS PLEASING TO IRANIAN
MASSES BUT WHICH DOES NOT REFLECT SENTIMENTS OF EDUCATED,
UPPER CLASSES WHO BELIEVE ISRAEL'S EXISTENCE USEFUL TO IRAN.
IRANIAN ARMED FORCES ON VARYING DEGREES OF ALERT. END SUMMARY.

1. IN IRANIAN FOREIGN LANGUAGE PRESS AND TO GREATER EXTENT
IN FARSI PRESS CURRENT MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT BEING REPORTED
PRINCIPALLY IN TERMS OF DISPATCHES FROM ARAB SIDE. THIS
POLICY, WHICH ON SURFACE IS ANTI-ISRAELI, PLAYS UP TO
EMOTIONS OF BAZAARIS AND OTHER POORLY-EDUCATED MASSES WHO
STRONGLY SUPPORT THEIR CO-RELIGIONISTS. HOWEVER, PRO-ARAB SLANT
DOES NOT REFLECT TRUE, AS OPPOSED TO PUBLIC, IRANIAN POLICY.
IRANIAN OFFICIALS AND EDUCATED UPPER CLASSES HAVE OFTEN
COMMENTED TO EMBASSY OFFICERS THAT STATE OF ENMITY BETWEEN
ISRAEL AND ARABS IS GOOD THING FOR IRAN AS IT DRAWS
OFF WHAB ENERGIES WHICH MIGHT OTHERWISE BE DIRECTED
AGAINST TEHRAN.

2. IRANIAN ARMED FORCES ALONG IRAQI BORDER, AIR DEFENSE
SYSTEM AND NAVAL FORCES IN THE GULF PLACED ON DEFCON 2
(INTERMEDIATE) ALERT STATUS. SEE DAO 565 AND 568.

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